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TAGS: OVIP (BLUMENTHAL, W. MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

REFERENCE: A. STATE 192528; B. TEHRAN 7275

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTION (PARA 1, REF B) TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR TEHRAN IS APPRECIATED. IN PLANNING THE TRIP SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL CAREFULLY CONSIDERED INCLUDING A REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR. ON THE BASIS OF THE ISSUES THAT THE SECRETARY ANTICIPATES AND ON THE BASIS OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE IN TEHRAN, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL DECIDED THAT AN ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE SECRETARY'S STAY IN TEHRAN COULD ACCOMMODATE A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A HYPOTHETICAL SCHEDULE, SO THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL CAN REVIEW THE MATTER. - - -

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2. REGARDING THE BANK/FUND MEETINGS, MINISTER ANSARY HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR A DINNER MEETING TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL THROUGH THE IRANIAN EMBASSY. THE PURPOSE OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S VISIT TO TEHRAN IS TO ESTABLISH A

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH KEY IRANIAN OFFICIALS.

SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL BELIEVES THIS CAN BE BEST ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LESS HECTIC ENVIRONMENT OFFERED BY THE OCTOBER TRIP. WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRESSURES ASSOCIATED WITH BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT FOR THE BANK/FUND MEETINGS, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL BELIEVES THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE THE BEST ENVIRONMENT FOR A DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER ANSARY. CONSEQUENTLY, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WILL DECLINE THE MINISTER'S INVITATION AND WILL CONVEY HIS REGRETS THROUGH THE GOI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. OF COURSE, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND OTHER SENIOR TREASURY OFFICIALS EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE TRIP AND IMF/IBRD ISSUES INFORMALLY WITH GOI OFFICIALS, IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF DURING THE WEEK OF THE BANK/FUND MEETINGS.

3. SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, SOLOMON AND SOBER GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THE AMBASSADOR'S KIND INVITATION TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. -

4. AT THE MOMENT, WE SEE NO NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ANYONE AT THE DCM'S RESIDENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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